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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - FEBRUARY 10

1. SUMMARY:

--U.S. COVERAGE IS EXTREMELY LIGHT BUT CRITICAL.

--MAJOR PRAVDA COMMENTARY BY G.CHROMUSHIN REBUTS WESTERN
SLANDERERS OF SOVIET ECONOMY, NOTING CHARGES THAT COLLECTIVIZED
AGRICULTURAL DOES NOT WORK, THAT SOVIETS GIVE "ABSOLUTE"
PRIORITY TO HEAVY INDUSTRY AND SHORT SHRIFT TO CONSUMER GOODS,
AND THAT NEW PLAN CALLS FOR STABLIIZATION NOT GROWTH (SEPTTEL).

--BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENT THAT CC EXAMINED WARSAW PARTY
SECRETARIES' MEETING JANUARY 26 AND INSTRUCTED SOVIET
BUREAUCRACY TO IMPLEMENT ACCORDS SUGGESTS THAT CSCE
IMPLEMENTATION WAS MAIN TOPIC AND THAT MORE STEPS
MAY BE FORTHCOMING.

--PRESS REPORTS AND TAKES YUGOSLAV LINE ON MURDER OF
FRY CONSUL GENERAL IN FRANKFURT.

--PRAVDA COMMENTARY ON LEBANON WELCOMES STABLIIZATION,
HIGHLIGHTS SYRIAN ROLE (WITH NOD TO PLO), AND DENOUNCES
ISRAEL FOR TRYING TO KEEP CRISIS ALIVE.

--REPORT ON ASEAN MEETING IN THAILAND SMILES AT ASEAN
AS SUCH, BUR FROWNS AT ALLEGED ATTEMPTS TO MILITARIZE
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--SOVIETS AND NORTH KOREANS SIGN TRADE AND PAYMENTS
AGREEMENT "UP TO 1980".

--CENTRAL PRESS REPORTS CONCLUSION OF SOVIET-CUBAN
1976-1980 TRADE TALKS AND DEPARTURE OF CUBAN DEL, AFTER
SIGNING OF AGREEMENT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS (SEPTTEL).

2. U.S. COVERAGE IS EXTREMELY LIGHT--U.S. DISAPPEARS

FOR A DAY AS ANGOLA AND MIDDLE EAST TARGET, FOR INSTANCE
--BUT THE LITTLE THERE IS IS CRITICAL: UNEMPLOYMENT
IN DETROIT (PRAVDA FEB 10), BRIBERY BY U.S. FIRMS
ABROAD (IZVESTIYA FEB 9), VETERANS' BOYCOTT OF JANE
FONDA FILMS (SOVETSKAYA ROSSIYA FEB 10). PROBABLY
AS PART OF THE STEADY MEDIA DRUMBEAT AGAINST THE
BRUSSELS ZIONIST CONFERENCE, SOVETSKAYA ROSSIYA
FEBRUARY 10 CARRIES A NASTY TASS PIECE BY K. YURE'V
ABOUT ALLEGED "INSTRUCTIONS" FOR VISITORS TO THE
SOVIET UNION ON HOW TO PASS AND RECEIVE INFORMATION
FROM SOVIET CITIZENS FOR THE BENEFIT OF U.S. ZIONIST
ORGANIZATIONS; INCLUDED IS THE ADDRESS OF THE NATIONAL
CONFERENCE FOR SOVIET JEWRY, 11 W. 42ND ST. NY 10036,
WHICH THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO USE.

3. CSCE IMPLEMENTATION AND IDEOLOGICAL COORDINATION.
CENTRAL PRESS (PRAVDA FEB 10 FRONT-PAGE) CARRIES BRIEF
ANNOUNCEMENT THAT CENTRAL COMMITTEE CONSIDERED RESULTS
OF CC SECRETARIES' MEETING IN WARSAW JANUARY 26,
APPROVED ACITIVITY OF CPSU DELEGATION, AND "INSTRUCTED
APPROPRIATE OFFICES AND ORGANIZATIONS TO ASSURE THE
PROMPT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONCLUSIONS AND RECOM-
MENDATIONS AGREED AT THE MEETING." COMMENT. ITEM
TENDS TO CONFIRM OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT MAIN TOPIC
OF MEETING WAS CSCE IMPLEMENTATION AND IDEOLOGY,
RATHER THAN EUROPEAN PARTY CONFERENCE, SINCE SOVIETS
UNLIKELY TO INSTRUCT BUREAUCRACY TO IMPLEMENT ACCORDS
ON ECPC. BY SAME TOKEN, INSTRUCTION MY PRESAGE
FURTHER CSCE IMPLEMENTATION STEPS IN ALL EE COUNTRIES.
END COMMENT.

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4. YUGOSLAVIA. CENTRAL PRESS FEBRUARY 10 CARRIES
TASS REPORTS FROM BELGRADE ON MURDER OF YUGOSLAV
CONSUL GENERAL IN FRANKFURT SOURCED TO YUGOSLAV PRESS
AND FEDERAL EXECUTIVE ASSEMBLY STATEMENT, NOTING
DAMAGE TO FRG-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS. COVERAGE DOES NOT
TAKE A STAND ON TERRORISM PER SE.

5. LEBANON. PRAVDA FEBRUARY 10 COMMENTARY BY VLADIMIR
PERESADA PRAISES CONTINUING NORMALIZATION AND STABILIZA-
TION, HIGHLIGHTS SYRIAN ROLE, GIVES A GLANCING KUDO TO
"CONSTRUCTIVE" PLO ROLE, AND DEVOTES LAST TWO PARAS TO
ALLEGED ISRAELI DISSATISFACTION, CONTINUING MILITARY
MOVEMENTS, AND DESIRE TO KEEP LEBANESE CRISIS ALIVE.

6. ASEAN. CORRESPONDENTS IN BANGKOK (I. SHCHEDROV
FOR PRAVDA AND A. POL'YANSKIY FOR TASS) REPORT ON ASEAN
MEETING TO PREPARE FEBRUARY 23-25 SUMMIT. THEY SAY
MEETING "EVOKES GREAT INTEREST IN COUNTRIES OF THIS

REGION" AND QUOTES BANGKOK POST TO EFFECT THAT FAVORABLE
ATMOSPHERE FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF FIRM PEACE IS DE-
VELOPING FOR FIRST TIME SINCE WWII. ALTHOUGH THERE
ARE "CERTAIN DIFFICULTIES" IN PREPARING SUMMIT, IN
THE FORM OF ATTEMPTS BY "SOMEONE" TO INTRODUCE
"MILITARY COOPERATION" AND "COOPERATION IN ANTI-SOVIET
STRUGGLE" INTO AGENDA, "MOST POLITICAL LEADERS IN
ASEAN COUNTRIES ARE AGAINST SUCH INTENTIONS." COMMENT.
AS WITH MOST OF THE SPARSE RECENT COVERAGE OF ASEAN,
LINE IS BASICALLY POSITIVE BUT SHADED WITH CONCERN
OVER POSSIBLE "MILITARIZATION" OF GROUP. END COMMENT.

7. TRADE AGREEMENT WITH NORTH KOREA. PRAVDA (FEB
10) REPORTS THE CONCLUSION ON FEBRUARY 9 OF SOVIET-
NORTH KOREAN TALKS ON TRADE AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS
FOR 1976-1980 AND SIGNING OF AGREEMENT ON EXCHANGE OF
GOODS AND PAYMENTS "UP TO 1980." DELEGATIONS WERE
HEADED BY DEPUTY PREMIERS ARCHIPOV FOR SOVIETS AND
KON DIN THE (PHON) FOR DPRK. (SEE MOSCOW 1565 NOTAL
FOR EARLIER REPORT ON TALKS).

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